

Indian Women's Association, Singapore Minutes – 17th AGM

The IWA 17th AGM was held on Friday 7th March 2014 at the Holiday Inn Orchard, Singapore.

The very first Sony-IWA Woman of the Year Award Ceremony was held before the AGM at the same venue.

Sony-IWA Award Ceremony : was presided over by **Sharmila Arora** and **Nirupa Parthasarthy**.

The Sony IWA Award Woman Of The Year commenced at 10.45 under an eminent jury of five members comprising:

1. Constance Singam: A leader of women's organizations, co-founded civil society groups, been a columnist in several national publications, and contributed to and co-edited several books.
2. Daisy Irani : a renowned television actress, director and producer in Singapore
3. Gauri Krishnan : centre director, Indian Heritage Centre at National Heritage Board , Singapore
4. Sathya Karanth : Media Sales SONY Television, Singapore.
5. Rashmi Gogna : CEO & Fashion Designer of Pure Earth, IWA Executive Committee member.

Honorable Chief Guest: Indian High Commissioner Mrs. Vijay Thakur Singh.

Five Finalists Nominated :

1. Ramaya Nageshwaran
2. Sreyashi Sen
3. Bhavani Prakash
4. Mrinalini Kumar
5. Kalyani Mehta

- The jury unanimously selected **Bhavani Prakash** as the winner.
- **Her Excellency Mrs. Vijay Thakur Singh** presented Sony IWA Woman Of the Year 2014 award.

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The IWA members and Committee were welcomed by **Sharmila Arora**, MC for the event. The Motion was presided by the two Secretaries **Mohini Kumar** and **Manjula Bains**.

Amendments to Constitution : 2014 needs three amendments to the IWA Constitution

Amendments put forth for modification of membership Bye laws in 2013:

- Treasurer's Tenure – All office bearers including the treasurer may be re elected to the same or related post for a second consecutive term of office. The term of office of the committee is one year. (Refer to Art 8.2)
- Membership -The category of Membership n a period of six months is to be discontinued.
- Retirees and Entrance Fees -Retiree membership fee imposed is to be discontinued (Refer to Art 6.2)
- Amendment on Membership tenure – The tenure will be February to March of each year.

Proposals for IWA 2014 :

- Sashi Kala Devi Associates re-appointed as IWA Auditors
- Swami Home to be allocated S\$ 2000 annually at the beginning of the year

All the above proposals were made and voted for ; and approved by a show of hands.

- The minutes of 2013 were approved and accepted by Shalini Sinha and seconded by Sukanya Pushkarna.
- The auditing was done and continues to be done by Mrs Sashi Kala Devi.
- **Preeti Dubey** : Presentation of accounts by Treasurer . Highlights were :
 - a. Increase in membership in the year 2012-2013 by 50.66 percent
 - b. Revenue sources –
 - ✓ Membership – 60 percent
 - ✓ Newsletter - 22 percent
 - ✓ Events - 18 percent
 - c. Expenditures incurred on :
 - ✓ Charity events
 - ✓ Club events
 - ✓ Operational expenditure
 - ✓ Bazaar – 67 percent
 - ✓ Indian Affair Fashion Show – 28 percent
 - ✓ Holi event - 5 percent

- **Sashi Kala Devi** :Presentation of Audits. Accounts presented for adoption. Proposed by Preeti Dubey Seconded by Vasanthi Ravi.
- Sashi Kala Devi was appointed auditor for the year 2014. Proposed by Preeti Dubey and Seconded by Mohini Kumar.
- **Nalini Thite** : Elaborate Coverage of 2013 Media, IWA events & Growth of IWA via a verbal and PPT presentation - roundup the 2013 events. All matters relating to membership , events and use of media in IWA were highlighted.

a. IWA vision – Care, Connect, Celebrate. A voluntary organization.

b. Who is a member? – Anybody of Indian origin.

c. Membership extends to the families, by itself.

d. WA has adopted go paperless policy.

e. Members Privileges :

- ✓ AGM lunch
- ✓ Welcome lunch for new members
- ✓ Entry to events is free
- ✓ Tickets for popular shows through Lucky Prizes
- ✓ Facial Package
- ✓ Raffles Medical benefits
- ✓ UniApp – 10 percent discount on consultancy
- ✓ Mustafa Travels special offer for Palace on Wheels tour

f. IWA events organized fall into following categories –

- ✓ Club events – All events organized by each club
- ✓ Community events – Such as Swami Home, Goonj drive
- ✓ Fundraiser events – Bazaar, Indian Affair fashion show
- ✓ Fun events – Holi, Ladies Night out, Evening of fun
- ✓ Scholarship events – IWA Vidya Scholarship

- Invitation by Sharmila Arora to 2013 Committee members to come up on stage.
- Message from **Piu Lahiri** – Gratitude & Gift presented to all members and shared working experience.
- Proposal of Piu Lahiri as President of IWA 2014 by **Manjula Bains** and seconded by Majority of members present.
- Piu Lahiri is officially announced IWA President for the new term March 2014 to February 2015.
- **Piu Lahiri** takes office as President of IWA 2014 and introduces her Committee members.
- Piu Lahiri presents Volunteer of the Year award 2013 to Nalini Thite
- Announcement of Interest Groups and New Groups. In addition to previous clubs which includes ADDA, Book Club, Music Club , Women Entrepreneur Club, Scrabble Club,

Fitness Club , Gourmet Goddess Club, Kidz Venture Club ;New Clubs were introduced – Go Green Club, Writers Appreciation Club.

IWA Core Committee:

Piu Lahiri as President presided the meeting, proposed and invited members to the committee for the year 2014-2015. Following announcements were made:

- Nirupa Parthasarthy was proposed for Vice President by Piu Lahiri and seconded by Sharmila Arora
- Neeta Mirchandani was proposed for Vice President by Piu Lahiri and seconded by Monisha Charan.
- Mohini Kumar was proposed Secretary and seconded by Manjula Bains
- Manjula Bains was proposed Honorary Secretary and seconded by Preeti Dubey
- Preeti Dubey was proposed Treasurer and seconded by Nirupa Vasudev
- Vasanthi Ravi was proposed Assistant Treasurer and seconded by Neeta Mirchandani
- Executive Committee Members – Rashmi Gogna seconded by Devika Mishra, Sharmila Arora seconded by Mohini Kumar, Gauri Iyer seconded by Devika Mishra, Vidhya Nair seconded by Viji Ramakrishnan.
- Abha Kaul was proposed for Legal Chair by Seema Chatterji and seconded by Tara Dhar Hasnain

IWA Care :

- Community Service: Mehak Krishnamani , Rashmi TK,
- IWA GOONJ benefit: Ramya Nageshwaran
- Swami Home : Mohini Kumar , Manjula Bains , Piu Lahiri
- Transient worker : Devika Misra , Seema Chatterj
- SMU Vidya Scholarship : Srividya Maliwal

IWA Connect:

- Social Chair: Sharmila Arora
- IWA Bazaar : Chandni, Sujata Bangur, Bishnupriya
- Membership : Gauri Savadi
- Membership Privileges : Archana Tapadia
- Media Director : Nalini Thite
- Website Admin : Radha Mani , Kavita Daga
- Media Sales : Seema Gupta
- E News Letter : Kavita Daga, Radha Mani
- Dhvani Magazine : Sukanya Pushkarna

IWA Clubs:

- ADDA Club – Rashmi Gogna , Nirupa Parthasarthy
- Book Club – Sukanya Pushkarna
- Writing Appreciation Club (Newly formed) – Tara Dhar Hasnain
- Entrepreneur Club – Nalini Thite ,Archana Tapadia
- Music Cub – Raji Vishwanathan
- Scrabble Club – Mohini Kumar
- Gourmet Goddess Club – Vidhya Nair , Neelam Lara and Kavita Daga
- Fitness Club – Nirupa Parthasarthy, Padmaja Balaji
- Kidz Venture Club – Gauri Iyer ,Monali Rudra
- Go-Green Club (Newly formed) – Prerna Rajpal

IWA Integrate :

Integration Committee – Devika Misra, Vidhya Nair, Gauri Iyer, Subina Khaneja

Dates for the Bazaar were announced :

- 9th May 2014 at Holiday Inn Hotel, Singapore.
- Diwali Bazaar – 25th September 2014 Venue to be confirmed.

A Show of hands by all members indicated approval .

AGM was declared closed at 2 pm.

IWA Secretary

Mohini Kumar
Manjula Bains